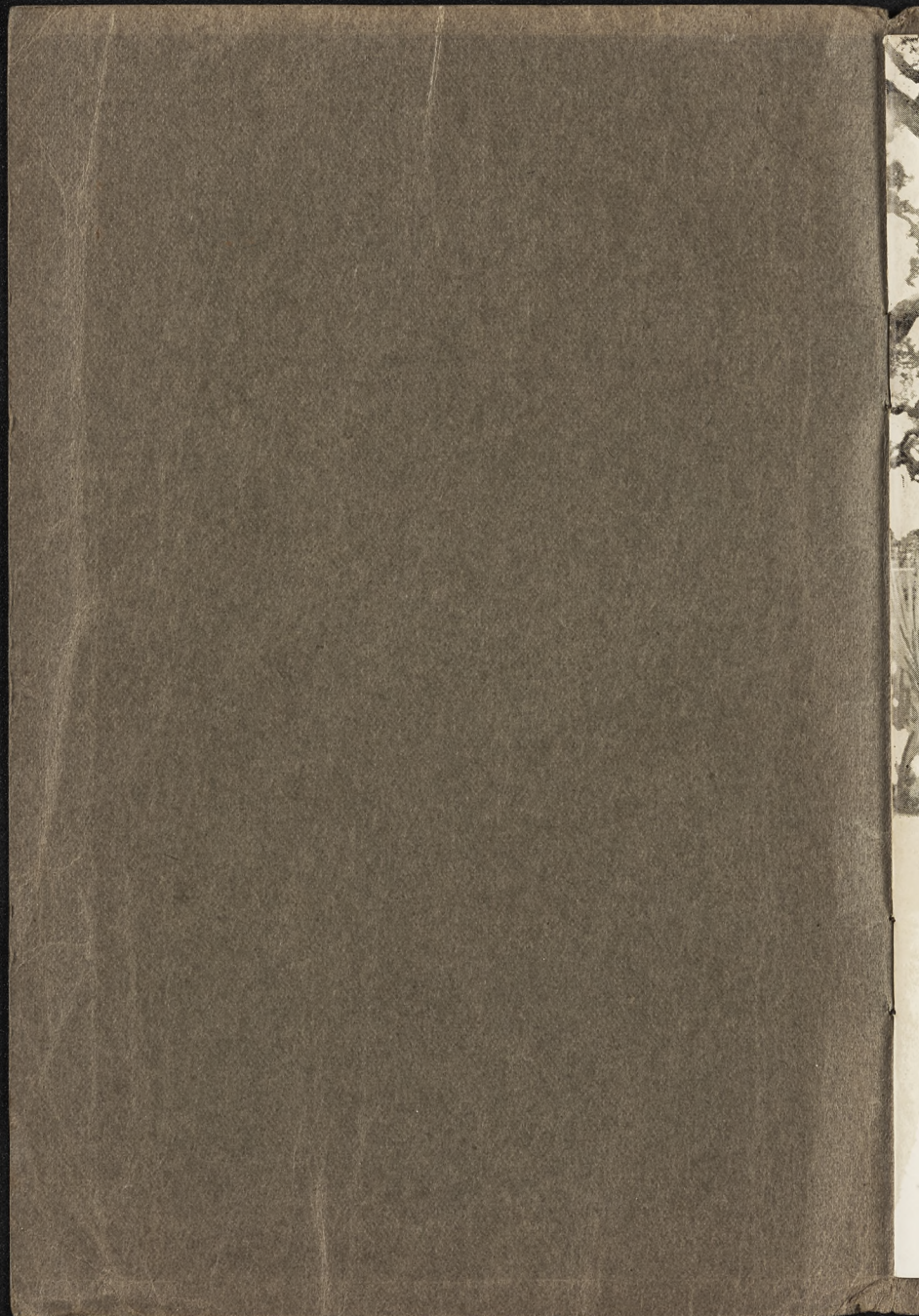


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El Padre, 300 year old oak,
guardian of the Club Inn.

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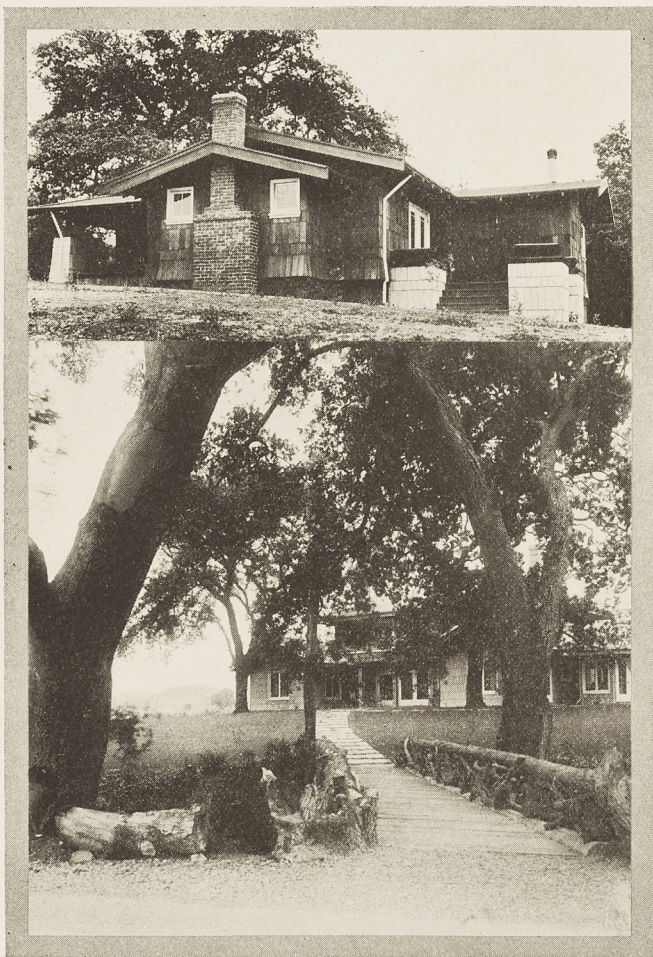
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*A community with an ideal
in the Shadow of the Purple Mountain*

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The beauty of the homes matches the setting



Their dances are only part of the children's fun

UPON the 10,000 acre Mount Diablo Estate is a community with an ideal, one such as could be created only by nature lovers enthusiastic in an attempt to build the greatest home place in America, with equal opportunity for enjoyment for all members of the family and so situated that one can live there and still commute to our western metropolis, San Francisco, and her sister cities. This community comprises the members of the Mount Diablo Park Club, a country club whose resident members have their homes on Mount Diablo Park's wooded knolls.

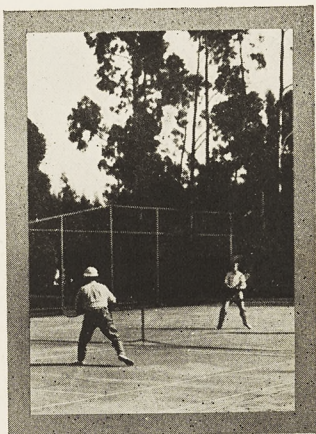
The Estate lies at the foot of Mount Diablo and upon its slopes, in Contra Costa County. The Mount Diablo Park Club is twenty-five miles east of San Francisco and seventeen miles east of Oakland and the east shore of San Francisco Bay. To the north are Suisun Bay and the juncture of the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers; to the east, beyond the mountain, the San Joaquin Valley; to the south and near by in other directions valleys and the hills of the Coast Range, dominated by the isolated mountain.

Until the incorporation of the club's directing board, the Mount Diablo Park Commission, in October, 1915, California's possibilities for a colony such as this had been untouched. Here are homes in the most beautiful of sur-



The Club Inn (top of page) and the Club House

roundings, and here also is the club, putting at the disposal of the householder and his guests all its conveniences and facilities for recreation. There is more, too, and still more to come, for the club is only in the making: the improvement work has been planned not for today but for years to come. A large community farm is now under cultivation; there is to be a dairy and poultry yard; a big force of workmen is kept busy in the estate's orchards, young and old, and in the gardens; there are special provisions, such as the playground and the little zoo, for making children happy,



Tennis has its devotees



On the golf course

and in the background is the mountain, flanked by its valleys and a constant attraction in its ever-changing moods.

And the climate is equal to that of Southern California.

What all this means was expressed by one member when he said: "Why should I need more than half an acre when I—and the children—have all this estate to play on? It's a 10,000 acre home without the responsibility or the expense of upkeep."



Mount Diablo rises majestically from the Estate, overtopping the club grounds

Furthermore, one is assured of congeniality, for none but club members may acquire a holding in Mount Diablo Park. Membership is of two classes, resident and associate or non-resident. The former is carried automatically by the purchase of property in the park, but no one may become a purchaser unless his or her name is proposed by a member, according to the practice customary in clubs, to be passed upon by the membership committee of the club after having been posted two weeks. Admission to the associate class is similarly regulated.

The club, through its commission, is in absolute control of its own grounds and buildings. The club grounds comprise 300 acres, while Mount Diablo Park's area, aside from the club holdings, is larger. Both are embraced in Mount Diablo Estate, and nestle in Green Valley.

There is a rich historic setting here too. It was from Mount Diablo that white men—Father Juan Crespi and Captain Don Pedro Fages—first beheld the region in which American life in California had its beginnings. In Indian and Spanish legend the Diablo country is rich. Bret Harte



Villa Valparaiso: the Vale of Paradise brought to Devil's peak



Cliffs and wonder rocks are near by on the mountain

drew upon one of its traditions in "The Legend of Monte del Diablo."

The note of today, however, is modernity and the scientific enhancement of natural beauties in a scheme which will take years to complete. There is no isolation, no lack of the conveniences of city life. Diablo has been brought closer to the larger communities of the bay region by splendid automobile roads and the electric commuting service of the Oakland, Antioch and Eastern Railway. Traversing a region typical of the Mount Diablo Country, this line reaches San Francisco over the Key Route ferry system. Nine trains are run daily to and from Diablo, passengers changing cars at Saranap.

Proximity to the cities adds much to Diablo's social life. Dances, in the open or in the club ball room, impromptu affairs, and programs in the amphitheatre close to the club's private lake, enable the club members to combine in their homes the beauty of the country, the accessibility of the suburbs, and the intercourse of the cities. Then there are

as well the club's facilities for sport—tennis, boating, swimming and black bass fishing in the lake; clock golf, and the eighteen hole golf course, of which nine links were put in use in the spring of 1917. For the hiker, the horseman and the motorist there is a network of fine roads in the surrounding country, leading to the scenic boulevard, within the Estate, which winds from the club, at an elevation of 550 feet, to the summit, whose elevation is 3849 feet. With over twenty-three miles of excellent roadway in two branches, the boulevard is making Mount Diablo widely known as a scenic point of great worth.

The club's advantages for the members include also what are in effect the conveniences of a private hotel. The club buildings and their comforts belong as much to the members as their homes.

For those living in the park, the club is an admirable place for entertaining guests, whether or not they come unexpectedly. Guest cards to the club itself are issued in accordance with the practices customary in clubs.



Diablo's slopes have many nooks of tranquil beauty



There's boating, bathing and fishing in the club lake



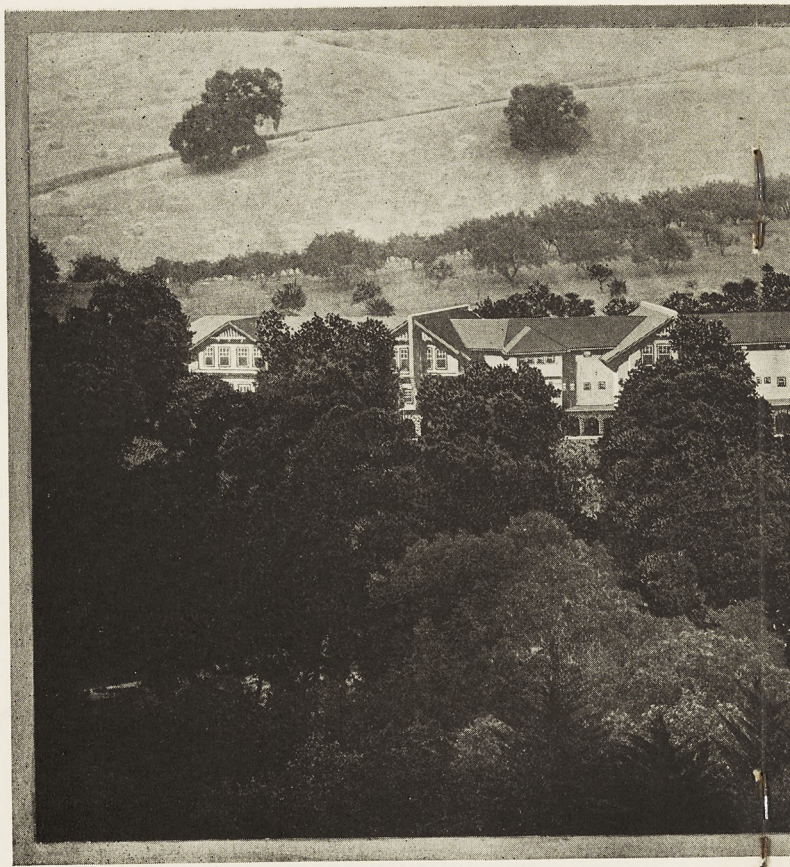
Some of the homes are surrounded by fruit trees

The material facilities for the homes are complete: there is water, piped from springs far up the mountain, electricity, a thorough sanitary system, telephones, a food supply at hand, and paved thoroughfares.

Children are a part of the scheme of things here. Besides the playground and the zoo, in season the children have their kindergarten in the open. The school facilities are excellent: at Danville, less than two miles away by auto road or trolley, there are grammar grades and a high school, just completed at a cost of nearly \$30,000. Plans have also been made for the formation of a grade school district to embrace only the park and the club grounds: this would give virtually a private school for the children of members.

But above all, for the children, are the air and sun and orchards and gardens.

Every resident, if he desires, may have his own little orchard and vegetable patch. The appeal of such work as recreation to the man of business has proven no less strong than the pleasure taken by his wife, irrespective of whether



The Chalet of the Mount Diablo Park Club, one of the handsomest buildings in the park, overlooks the tree tops or facing the mountain. Like the Club Inn (seen on the right) by a brook, it is connected with the Club Inn (seen on the right) by a bridge for members—overlooking the tree tops or facing the mountain. Like the Club Inn, it is open to members and holders of guest cards. A cloister of Mission arches connects the two buildings.



Some of the country club buildings in the west. Crowning the bank of a
a bridge. The Chalet contains apartments—some are owned by
Like the other club buildings and the grounds, this is restricted in use
arches runs the full length of the ground floor.

or not she bothers about the cost of living, in supplying her own table with fruit, fresh or preserved, from her own grounds. For the good of all, it has been stipulated in the by-laws of the commission that members must keep their holdings clear of weeds, must not neglect fruit or ornamental trees and must fight pests if it is necessary. These and similar regulations are designed not to hamper members but to assist them.

For those who prefer private gardens but do not regard horticulture as a recreation, skilled labor is at hand.

Not the least of the community services to the resident are those of the club farm. To the family man, this is an added resource in enabling him to educate his children and to feel out the youthful inclination for a life profession.

Few other clubs, if any, have such facilities for getting fresh vegetables and fruit, grown within a stone's throw of the club buildings and the members' homes and delivered with a minimum of transportation and time.

Gardens, orchards and farm keep thirty men busy. The



A vista of an orchard



The club community farm is edged with giant eucalyptus



The children revel

club farm covers forty acres—an area, marked by a great row of eucalyptus, used as a race track when Mount Diablo Estate was the Oakwood Park Stock Farm, celebrated under the ownership of Seth Cook for its horses and its entertainments.

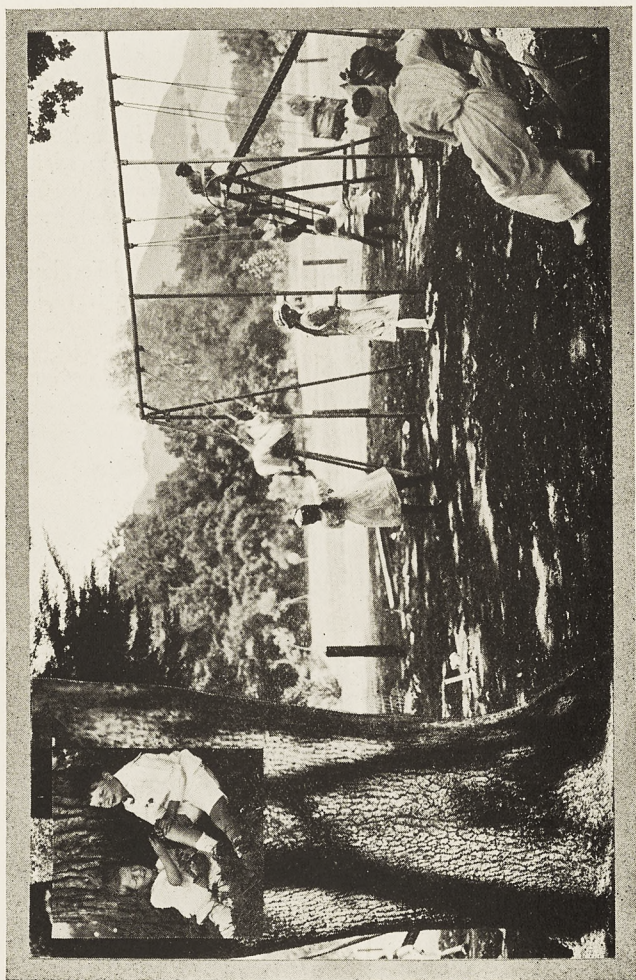
Besides the old orchards, many new ones have been put out, and vineyards and berry patches as well, part of the plan being extensive planting of fruits and berries along the fairway of the golf course. The

Estate has in all eighty-five acres in fruit.

The gardening, no less extensive in scope and already giving splendid visible results though but in its first stages, is designed to give the utmost beauty to the whole and to the individual property. In the 1916-17 season alone there were put out 100,000 plants and trees, including annuals, on hundreds of acres, there having been 15,000 cut flowers alone for the club inn and the Chalet. Two hundred varieties of trees, shrubs and perennials are represented. Three and a half miles of streets have been lined with flowering locusts, silver and Norway maples, and Oriental sycamores,



Members' cars lined up in front of the Club Inn



The playground, close to the little zoo, is only one reason the youngsters are happy



The setting lends itself to many architectural styles

and on the Mount Diablo Scenic Boulevard eight miles have been bordered with scattered wildflower seed, which has also been planted extensively in the park. The wildflowers include the California poppy, lupine, whose blue spikes make masses of intense blue, *brodiaea laxa*, *nemophila insignia*, *nemophila maculata*, *gilia tricolor*, *Clarkia elegans* and *Collinsia bicolor*. The natural wildflower display of the Mount Diablo country is notable, aside from this addition: the list of varieties found is long and the climatic and soil conditions make them flourish.

These conditions have been a factor also in enabling the club members to have beautiful gardens and verdure, and the club and the Estate as well. Two thousand flowering shrubs have been set out along the golf course; the children's playground has been given attention, and a reforestation scheme has been worked out for portions of the mountain. Every tree of size on the Estate has been noted upon a topographical map, particularly with reference to its being an adjunct to a home. While scarcely any kind of shade tree known to California is not found here, most notable are



Every lot is shaped to make the most of its vista



The Club House porch is a favorite lounging place

the oaks, especially El Padre, the 300-year-old patriarch opposite the entrance to the club inn.

The newly planted trees, as well as the buildings and home sites of the club and the park, are so distributed as to make a harmonized unit. The community farm lies at one end of the club grounds, which stretch in irregular reaches to the lake, northeast from the entrance. The club buildings form a cluster near the playground, the service buildings and employees' quarters being at a distance in various directions.

The club inn, with its solarium, glassed dining room, tap room and bedrooms, is set in a lawn and banked about by trees. Like the other club buildings, it may be entered only by members and their guests.

Behind the inn is Diablo brook, across which, overhanging a steep, flowered bank, is the Chalet. This delightful structure is the design of Arthur B. Benton, famous for his architectural work on the Mission Inn and the Glenwood, Riverside, the Arrowhead, and the New Arlington Hotel at Santa Barbara. The distinctive feature of the Chalet



Top to bottom: Inn dining room, ballroom, and solarium



The club dairy is a part of the community farm project

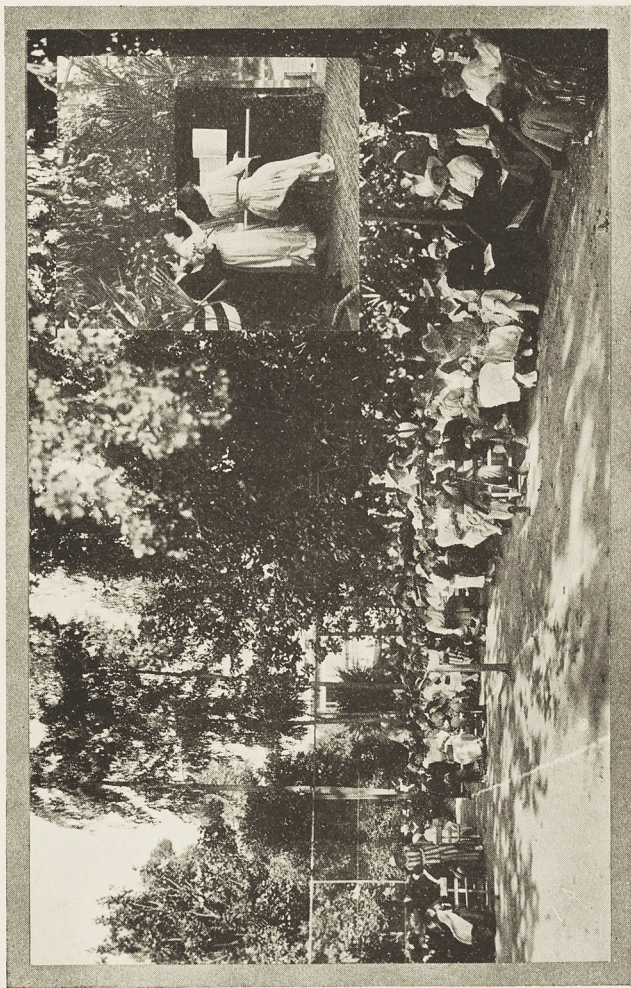
is a cloistered way below the apartments, connected with the second story of the club inn by a bridge and fronting the club house with a porte cochere. The long building is crescent shaped, upon the ridge of a hill.

The club house, like the Chalet, overlooks an olive grove on the mountain side and in the other directions the links and residential sites. The chief room, aside from sleeping quarters, is the ball room, whose great fireplaces add a special charm to many affairs.

The members' homes are scattered over broad acres which have been divided in shapes to make the most of vistas and backgrounds.

Within Mount Diablo Estate, and bordering upon Mount Diablo Park, is one of the finest stock farms of America—the Blackhawk Farm of Ansel Mills Easton. Comprising 1200 acres, this lies in Sycamore Valley, running back into the Black Hills. Here is being built a beautiful home set in gardens whose planning has attracted widespread attention.

The magnificent sites of the mountain itself, reached easily over the scenic boulevard, have not been overlooked in the



Entertainments given in the open air are a feature of club life in Mount Diablo Park



Diablo's homes bring city comforts to the country

preparations for making this an ideal home place. At the top of a precipice that falls two hundred feet almost sheer, four and a half miles from the club, is the first home to be built on the mountain.

Building in Mount Diablo Park itself has been active. In the spring of 1917 a score of houses and bungalows had been brought to various stages of advancement, from preliminary work to the finishing touches, within a comparatively short time, while others were being planned. So heavy was the traffic in building materials that the station at Diablo, with receipts of a hundred cars in a month, became the leading freight station on the Oakland, Antioch and Eastern, except for purely industrial points.

To facilitate building work, a lumber yard, planing mill and plumbing shop have been established at Diablo, at hand but isolated from the park. A feature of the work is the making of furniture to special design.

The business center of the club community is at Diablo station, a few hundred yards from the club proper. Here is the Arcade building, designed to house the postoffice,



Gardens and good roads have been given to Diablo

express office and community shops. Near by is the Tavern, for the accommodation of those who may not enter the club precincts. Back of this are rows of bungalows, for superintendent employees, and other dwellings.

On matters relative to the club address the secretary of the Mount Diablo Park Commission, E. B. Bull, at Diablo, California, or at the main office of the Mount Diablo Estate, 1302 First National Bank Building, San Francisco.

Regarding the Estate, address as above, or R. N. Burgess Company, San Francisco, or Robert Marsh Company, Los Angeles.



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